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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of January 31, 2003 which issued in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please withdraw claims 15 and 16.